least a corresponding at least one of said content parts, said usage rights specifying a manner of use for the corresponding one of said content parts and being interpretable by a repository to determine if access to the digital content can be granted, said manner of use indicating one or more stated purposes for which the corresponding digital content portion can be at least one of used and distributed by an authorized user, and wherein the determination by the repository is not only a Boolean operator for filtering.

12. (Amended)   A method for assigning usage rights to a composite digital having a content portion that includes a plurality of content parts that each correspond to an individual digital work, said method comprising:

a) creating a description structure for said composite digital work, said description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks that each correspond to a content part of the composite digital work;

b) storing usage rights associated with a corresponding at least one of said content parts in the description blocks, said usage rights specifying a manner of use for the corresponding one of said content parts and being interpretable by a repository to determine if access to the digital content can be granted, said manner of use indicating one or more stated purposes for which the corresponding digital content portion can be at least one of used and distributed by an authorized user, and wherein the determination by the repository is not only a Boolean operator for filtering.

18. (Amended)   A composite digital work having usage rights, said composite digital work comprising:

a digital content portion including a plurality of content parts configured to be interpreted by a rendering device; and

a description structure for said composite digital work, said description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks containing usage rights associated with at least a

corresponding at least one of said content parts, said usage rights specifying a manner of use for the corresponding one of said content parts and being interpretable by a repository to determine if access to the digital content can be granted, said manner of use indicating one or more stated purposes for which the corresponding digital content portion can be at least one of used and distributed by an authorized user, and wherein the determination by the repository is not only a Boolean operator for filtering.